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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Guided Missiles and Astronautics
Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: Designation of Launch Areas

REFERENCE: Memorandum TCS-250839/64

1. This memorandum is in answer to your request that NPIC utilize the GMAIC designations when referring to launch areas within Launch Complex G at the Tyuratam Missile Test Center (TIMTC).

2. The system used by NPIC for designating launch pads at TIMTC has been in existence since April 1960. All launch pads and silos at the existing complexes, excepting the hard launch sites D1, D2 and F which contain three silos each, are individually designated. This consistency has been standardized in NPIC reporting on all launch complexes at TIMTC. The following is a tabulation of NPIC designators as compared with the currently published GMAIC designators on TIMTC.

NPIC

A1
A2
C1
C2
C3
D1
D2
E1
E2
E3
F
G1-G2
G3-G4
G5-G6
G7
G8-G9
H1-H2

GMAIC

A1
A2
C1
C2
C3
D1
D2
E1
E2
E3
F
G1
G2
G3
G4
G5
H

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3. In addition to the consistency of reporting each launch pad or silo individually, it is also beneficial for clarity and ease of reporting to be able to reference each pad or silo as an individual item when preparing a FI report. At the present time 39 reports and 297 graphics have been published on TIMTC by NPIC.

4. Although uniformity is desired within the intelligence community when reporting on the same complex, it is felt that our method of designating these complexes lends more efficiency to the immediate readout required from NPIC.

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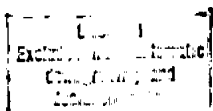
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